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II. Maintenance of international peace and security

E. Consideration of the working paper submitted by Cuba on the strengthening of the role of the Organization and enhancing its effectiveness: adoption of recommendations

1. The working paper entitled "Strengthening of the role of the Organization and enhancing its effectiveness: adoption of recommendations", a revised version of which was submitted by Cuba at the 2012 session of the Special Committee (see A/67/33, annex), was referred to during the general exchange of views held at the 276th and 277th meetings of the Special Committee, on 17 and 18 February 2015, and was considered at the 1st meeting of the Working Group of the Whole.

2. The sponsor delegation explained the rationale behind the working paper, underlining that its main objective was to look for formulas to achieve the delicate balance envisaged in the Charter between the mandates of all the principal organs and, in particular, between the mandate of the General Assembly, as the main deliberative and representative body of the Organization, and that of the Security Council. It reiterated that the working paper included five recommendations for consideration, including a study of Chapter IV of the Charter and, specifically, of its Articles 10 to 14, which pertained to the functions and powers of the Assembly.

3. The view was expressed that, with regard to items concerning international peace and security, the Special Committee should not pursue activities that would be duplicative of or inconsistent with the roles of the principal organs of the United Nations as set forth in the Charter. The view was also expressed that a legal study of the functions and powers of the General Assembly was not needed.

4. The sponsor delegation welcomed the views expressed and invited delegations to participate in bilateral consultations. While some delegations voiced support for

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the proposal and confirmed their intention to engage in bilateral discussions, clarification was sought as to the status of the working paper and the content and purpose of the recommendations. In that regard, the sponsor delegation explained that it had intended to introduce changes to the working paper on the basis of bilateral consultations and that the purpose of the working paper was to reach consensus with a view to conducting a study to determine the scope of the powers of the General Assembly. As such, it was not making recommendations that would prejudge the outcome of the proposed study and welcomed proposals to amend the wording of the working paper.